Central Incentive Schemes for the industrial development of backward areas

757. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inter-Ministerial Committee constituted to review and revise the Central Incentive Scheme for the industrial development of backward areas had submitted its report in December, 1986;

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made in the report; and

(c) what are the details of the action taken by Government on these recommendations ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Inter-Ministerial Committee's recommendations *inter-alia* deal with :—

(a) Establishment of growth centres.

(b) Identification of backward districts.

(c) Revision of existing Central Incentive Scheme.

The Government have taken the following decisions which have a bearing on the main recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee.

(a) The Central Investment Subsidy Scheme has been discontinued with effect from 1-10-1988;

(ii) A scheme to set up 100 new growth centres all over the country endowed with necessary infrastructural facilities in respect of power, water, telecommunication and banking has been announced.

The recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Committee are being examined in the light of decisions already taken.

White Paper on Public Sector

758. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government promised a White Paper on the Public Sector and if so, when;

(b) what was the objective of this White Paper;

(c) what were the remedial steps contemplated by Government through the White Paper; and

(d) what is the present stage of this White Paper ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A White Paper on the Public Sector was promised by the then Prime Minister in his 1987 Budget speech with the objective of further improving the working of Public Sector Enterprises as well as enhancing their autonomy and making them accountable for results. The draft of that White Paper remained under the consideration of the Government till the new Government took over.

This Government will present a White Paper on Public Sector later this year as was announced in the Presidential Address to the Parliament on 12-3-1990.

Transfer of Manuguru power project from centre to the state sector

759. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for transfer of Manuguru Power